

Dear honorable members of the State Board of Education and the History-Social Science Subject Matter Committee of the Instructional Quality Commission:

We respectfully request that the subject of the so called "Comfort Women" would be excluded from the World History book for California Public Schools at this time for the following reasons:

- 1) The Pacific War ended more than 70 years ago and this issue flared up recently when the relations between Japan, China and Korea have become somewhat strained. This issue is perceived by many, particularly in the Japanese community, as part of a campaign to smear Japan and its people.
- 2) We should not engage in GEOPOLITICS in Asia.
- 3) This issue has been a focal point in U.S. cities like Fairfax and Glendale in California, leading to the bullying of children whose only fault is having Japanese parentage.

The subject is controversial and highly disputed. If taught, the opinions of both sides should be included in a fair and unbiased manner.

Respectfully yours,

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